



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	HB0484	Title:	Ag protection, enhancement & develop comm to address comp for wildlife damage
Primary Sponsor:	Barrett, Debby	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$248,275	\$251,725	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>(\$248,275)</u>	<u>(\$251,725)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of Fiscal Impact:

This bill adds the function and related duties of administering an agricultural protection, enhancement, and development committee to the Montana Department of Agriculture. The committee will assist the department in recommending legislation to the 2009 Legislature which provides for a program and potential funding sources to meaningfully alleviate wildlife damage to private land in Montana.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Agriculture (AGR)

- Section 2 appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund for the 2009 biennium to AGR.
- Section 1 creates an Agricultural protection, enhancement, and development committee. The committee will consist of seven members appointed by the governor and located across the state. The committee will meet quarterly. Committee per diem is estimated at \$1,400 (\$50/day x 7 members x 4 meetings/yr) and travel reimbursement of \$4,088 (mileage @ 250 miles roundtrip @ .49/mile = \$123 + meals @ \$23/day = \$146 x 7 members x 4 meetings).

3. The Agricultural Development Division of the AGR will hire a full-time (1.00 FTE) business development specialist (with costs estimated at \$57,562 in FY 2008 and \$60,436 in FY 2009 to serve as the executive secretary for the committee.
4. Operating costs estimates for staff travel \$750 to meetings; new employee office package \$1,375, laptop computer \$2,200, communications \$2,964; rent \$1,636; printing costs \$500; office supplies \$1,550; meeting expenses \$1,000; and training costs \$350 in totaling \$12,325 in FY 2008 and \$8,750 in FY 2009.
5. The department will supply an attorney to assist the committee with draft legislation and legal issues. Administrative support will be supplied by existing staff and through a temporary support services term contract with costs totaling \$2,900 in FY 2008.
6. It is estimated that the committee will need \$170,000 in FY 2008 and \$175,551 in FY 2009 for consulting fees and/or software development in preparation for implementation of a method for fairly compensating producers for damage to property and crops.
7. The bill does not contain a sunset for the committee and the requirements of Section 1, therefore the committee will still exist in the 2011 biennium. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the continuation or termination of the committee will be determined by the 2009 Legislature dependent upon the outcome of the committee's recommendations. If the committee continues into the 2011 biennium, there will be additional costs for its operation.

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$58,962	\$60,436	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$189,313	\$191,289	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$248,275	\$251,725	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$248,275	\$251,725	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$248,275)	(\$251,725)	\$0	\$0

Long-Range Impacts:

1. Legislation will be proposed by the committee for consideration by the 2009 Legislature. The proposed legislation will include a proposed source of funding from appropriate agricultural, wildlife, and/or tourism sources.
2. Depending on the committee's recommendations for program funding (Section 1. (1)(f)), there could be significant fiscal impacts on the state in the future.

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